



COMMUTER ALERT

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STATE ROUTE 330 SLATED FOR REPAIRS

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced Department geologists have made an assessment of a nearby hillside that borders State Route 330 and recommend a metal net be anchored on the hillside to control rocks and mud that may fall onto the highway.

This special contract, deemed an emergency slope-draping project, would involve erecting an 80' by 150' mesh drape on the hillside that borders the highway. Crews from Forest Grove, Oregon-based Hightech Rockfall are slated to begin the installation process on Monday, March 6 and complete the job by April 1. The contract is valued at \$500,000, which includes traffic control support from the CHP. Forest Grove is approximately 23 miles west of Portland.

State Route 330 will remain closed through this weekend to ensure the safety to the motoring public.

Recently, about 30 cubic yards of mud and rocks fell onto SR330, prompting the closure of this popular roadway. After a period of heavy rains, mud and rocks became dislodged from a nearby hillside and tumbled onto the highway. The highway has since been closed between post mile 30 to approximately post mile 42, Highland Avenue and Live Oak, just south of Running Springs respectively.

Caltrans continues to advise motorists to use state routes 18 and 38 in order to drive around the closure.

Please call the Caltrans Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631 or visit the Web site at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8> for updates on this closure

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